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FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5909

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FOR SCS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, MA

SUBJECT: W/W REPPAS

REFS: A. TANANARIVE 0007; B. TANANARIVE 1785

1. CONSULAR VISIT TOOK PLACE JAN 8. IN CONTRAST LAST VISIT
(REFTEL A) CONSULAR OFFICER AGAIN ALLOWED TO MEET WITH REPPAS IN
PRIVACY OF ROOM W*THOUT PRESENCE OF MALAGASY OFFICIALS.

2. RAVONY, ONE OF REPPAS' LAWYERS, VISITED PRISON JAN 7. URGED
REPPAS TO KEEP HIS DEFENSE LINKED TO BACOPOULOS. REPPAS ASSURED
RAVONY THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF ATTACKING BACOPOULOS, BUT
FELT ADVICE OF HIS OTHER ATTORNEY LEBEL TO SEPA ATE DEFENSE WAS
BETTER COURSE AT THIS TIME. LEBEL RETURNED FROM FRANCE JAN 7.
WILL VISIT CLIENT BY JAN 11. RAVONY ALSO TOLD REPPAS APPEAL
PROCEEDINGS SCHEDULED START JAN 25. EMBASSY WILL VERIFY DATE
WITH LEBEL AND SEND OBSERVER.

3. REPPAS HAD NOT MET AGAIN WITH AGM BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEES SINCE
MEETING REPORTED REFTEL B, BUT THEY HAD REQUESTED THAT REVIEW
OF CREDITOR CLAIMS, PREPARED BY REPPAS, BE FORWARDED TO DANIEL
RANDRIANANTOANDROSON, TRUSTEE ACCOUNTANT. REPPAS CLAIMS TO
HAVE FOUND CONSIDERABLE DUPLICATION AND FEELS GOMR TRUSTEE WILL
FOLLOW HIS RECOMMENDATIONS IN *REDITOR "SETTLEMENT" (BY WHICH
EMBASSY THINKS REPPAS MEANS CLAIMS REGISTRATION." COPY OF LETTER
TO RANDRIANANTOANDROSON GIVEN TO EMBASSY *ND WILL BE POUCHED

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DEPT. DEPT WILL NOTICE LETTER'S CONTENTS RELEVANT TO
QUESTION RAISED BY JEFFRIES (TO WHOM REPPAS HAS SENT COPY) IN PARA
3C, STATE 244579.

4. REPPAS ASKED DEPARTMENT TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO JEFFRIES CONCERNING MATERIALS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR JAN 25 APPEAL: BEGIN TEXT: APPEAL DATE JAN 25. NEED URGENT EVIDENCES TO PROVE THAT CB OPERATED MAD THEATRE WITHOUT MY CONTROL:

- (A) ANY LETTERS OR TLXS WHICH SHOW THAT CB STIPULATED THAT BLOCKED BANK ACCOUNTS WERE REQUIRED FOR FORMATION OF NEW OR ADDITIONAL CAPITAL.
- (B) ANY LTRS OR TLXS THAT INDICATE THAT NOV 68 CONTRACT PAYMENTS BY EUROPEANS WERE BLOCKED CASH. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT PAYMENTS WERE NOT MADE UNTIL APRIL 69 AND THAT SHORT TERM LOANS BY POTAMIANOS WERE PAID BEFORE HE MADE THE LOAN; ALSO HE WAS OVERPAID SINCE LOAN WAS FOR LESS THAN PAYMENT.
- (C) LTRS OR TLXS THAT SHOW SF EFFORTS TO TRANSFER THE ACCOUNTS TO MAD AND RESPONSES SHOWING THEIR LACK OF ACCEPTANCE.
- (D) CB TLX WHERE HE REFUSES TO REPORT TO SF AND CLAIMS SF SHOULD REPORT TO HIM. THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR TANA FINANCIAL REPORT.
- (E) MEMO FROM GR TO CB THAT COVERED THE CALIFORNIA CANADIAN BANK STATEMENT, I.E. MAILING OF STATEMENT.
- (F) EXAMINE PP LETTERS THAT MAY COVER CB FULL MAD RESPONSIBILITY. OTHER MATTER NEEDED:
- (A) MINI XEROX OF VIENDE BOOKS WITH COVERING LETTER FROM PEAT MARWICK STATING THOSE ARE THE SAME BOOKS THEY EXAMINED. EACH PAGE OF THE MINI SHOULD HAVE INITIALS TO SHOW THAT THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY SUBSTITUTIONS.
- (B) COMMENTS FROM SHERWOOD TO JEFFRIES SUPPORTING THE EVIDENCES WOULD BE HELPFUL.
- (C) COPIES OF ALL CHECKS TO SOBERI. END TEXT.

5. AMBASSADOR ATTENDED CEREMONY JAN 5 OPENING 1974 SESSION COURT OF APPEALS. WAS ONLY DIPLOMAT WHO RESPONDED TO BELATED INVITATION TO CHIEFS MISSION TO ATTEND. DID SO BECAUSE OF REPPAS' APPEAL, AND PRESENCE WELL NOTED BY PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF COURT AND PROCUREUR GENERAL.

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